THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சாதாரணமாக அப்படியும் இருக்கலாம், இப்படியும் இருக்கலாம். ஆனல் இந்தத் தொழிற்சாலை சம்பந்தப்பட்ட மட்டில் தொழிலாளர்களும் சரியாக நடந்துகொள்ளவில்லை என்று தெரிகிறது.

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI : First of all, I would request the Hon. Minister not to come to conclusions before going into facts. Anyway, since the conciliation proceedings have been pending for such a long time and in view of the fact that the factory has been closed for the last two months and more, may I ask the Hon. Minister whether he is prepared to take the conciliation proceedings out of the hands of the Commissioner of Labour or see that the conciliation proceedings are expedited so that the matter can be thrashed out at a higher level?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The legal aspect has been examined and the Government consider that the lock-out was not illegal. The Government do hope that the Commissioner of Labour will be able to effect a settlement. He is expediting settlement. If it is not possible, the Government will take it up.

Government Hospital at Kasaragod

* 2880 *Q.*—SRI M. MARIMUTHU (on behalf of Sri M. S. Mogral) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the sanctioned bed-strength of the Kasaragod Government Hospital;

(*b*) the total number of in-patients in June 1955; and

(*c*) the amenities regarding bed, diet, etc., provided for in-patients in excess of the sanctioned bed-strength?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) 34, Sir.

(*b*) 1945, Sir.

(*c*) All in-patients in the hospital are treated alike in the matter of medical treatment, diet, etc., except that patients admitted in excess of the sanctioned bed-strength are not given cots but only mat-beds on the floor.

Offences under the Prohibition Act

* 2883 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government servants who were convicted under Prohibition Act in the State during the year 1954–55;

(*b*) the departmental action taken against them?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (*a*) Twenty-seven.

(*b*) A statement[a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 657 infra.

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Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : May I know whether any of them belong to the Police Department or to the Prohibition Department?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : Some of them belong to the Police Department also.

Sri K. VINAYAKAM : It is strange to find from the statement placed on the table of the House that only lower paid officials like constables are convicted of Prohibition offences. Does it mean that any official higher in rank than the constable is above suspicion as far as the offence of drinking is concerned?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : I do not think that there is any need for this question at all.

Sri S. RAMALINGAM : சர்க்கார் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய அறிக்கையைப் பார்த்தால் போலீஸ் இலாகாவில் மதுவிலக்கு சம்பந்தமான குற்றம் செய்பவர்களையும் அந்த இலாகாவிலேயே விசாரணை செய்து தகுந்த நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கான உத்திரவு இருப்பதாகத் தெரிகிறது. இந்த உத்தரவு மற்ற இலாகாக்களுக்கும் உண்டா? இல்லாவிட்டால், இந்த உத்தரவை மற்ற இலாகாக்களிலும் அமுல் நடத்துவதற்கு சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN : எல்லா சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களுக்கும் இந்த உத்திரவு உண்டு.

Admission to Medical Colleges

* 2886 *Q.*—Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of candidates from the Chingleput district belonging to (1) backward communities and (2) other communities respectively that applied for admission to the Medical Colleges in Madras and the number selected.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :

Backward Communities

Number of applicants	30
Number of candidates selected	10

Other Communities

Number of applicants	34
Number of candidates selected	3

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state communitywar the number of students selected in the Chingleput district?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :

Sengundhar	3
Padayachi	1
Ahambadiyan	1
Thozhuva Vellala	2
Chithadi	1
Perike	1